UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE)
COMPANY, JOHN HANCOCK)
VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE)
COMPANY, and MANULIFE)
INSURANCE COMPANY (f/k/a)
INVESTORS PARTNER INSURANCE)
COMPANY),)
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Plaintiffs,) CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-11150-DPW
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V.)
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ABBOTT LABORATORIES,)
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Defendant.)

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of Christopher Edwards of Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP as counsel for plaintiff John Hancock Life Insurance Co. et al. in the above-captioned case.

JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, JOHN HANCOCK VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, and MANULIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (f/k/a INVESTORS PARTNER LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY)

By their attorneys,

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